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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
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For

: HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCE, NETWORK SYSTEM, HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCE

CONTROL METHOD USING A NETWORK, COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT ACHIEVING THE CONTROL METHOD, AND A COMPUTER-

READABLE DATA STORAGE MEDIUM

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to file Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted (copy attached) of May 9, 2001, the period for response being set to expire June 11, 2001 (being that June 9, 2001 falls on a Saturday), please find enclosed:

- an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Also enclosed is:

- a check in the amount of \$130.00 as payment of the surcharge for late filing of the declaration.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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